

MINUTES
JOINT SESSION
HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND
HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL

January 21, 2009

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners and Hamilton County Council met in Conference Room 1A in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana.

Council President Judy Levine called the meeting of the Hamilton County Council to order with a quorum present of:

Councilor Brad Beaver	Councilor Judy Levine
Councilor Jim Belden	Councilor Rick McKinney
Councilor Meredith Carter	Councilor Steve Schwartz
Councilor John Hiatt	

Commissioner Christine Altman called the meeting of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners to order with a quorum present of:

Commissioner Christine Altman
Commissioner Steven C. Dillinger
Commissioner Steven A. Holt

Council Memorandum

Beaver moved to approve sending the Fiscal Awareness Memorandum dated January 21, 2009 to all county departments. McKinney seconded. Carter suggested replacing “take a few minutes to” with “reflect on the current economic situation and” and underline the last sentence in paragraph three. Beaver moved to accept the amendment. McKinney seconded the amendment. Motion to accept the amendment carried unanimously (7-0). Motion to send the letter carried unanimously (7-0).

Annex Building

Mr. John Barbee reviewed the cost estimates on the build out of the Annex Building for the Hamilton County Health Department.

	<u>Total Project Costs</u>	<u>Hard Costs</u>	<u>Soft Costs</u>
Low:	\$1,699,775	\$1,173,788	\$525,987
Target:	\$1,752,345	\$1,210,091	\$542,255
High:	\$1,839,963	\$1,270,595	\$569,367

- The building is only being built out for the current health department needs with room for growth in the future.
- 1,100 square feet (tenant space) will be available for the Coroner or another county department until the health department needs that space.

Beaver stated the finance committee is in agreement that the health department needs to move and will recommend using \$1 million out of the Rainy Day Fund for the build out with the balance coming out of the health department fund. After the State Legislature closes in May or June we will then have an idea of what the county will need to do with township government.

Altman stated the current plan is to keep the Fall Creek Township Assessor’s office in their current location for six months and then move them to the Delaware Township Government building. The office in Clay Township would be maintained. The remaining assessor employees would move into the current health department space without renovation.

Altman stated the county is paying approximately \$250,000 annually for the rental of the satellite offices, which the Commissioners feel is an issue if we have the space to build out and we can try to consolidate to reduce that load.

Financing

Mr. Mike Howard stated the 146th Street Bonds (original Springmill Road to SR 37 is overfunded approximately \$2 million. We can not take money out of the fund but the second COIT contribution (approximately \$1.3 to \$1.4 million) does not have to be paid into the fund and is available today.

Altman suggested the capital for the building come out of County General with the loose personal property purchased by the health department.

Holt stated he has contacted Pat Fox of Riverview asking if they had any space and they have 6,000 square feet in the old Noblesville Family Practice building that is available and would like to look at this space before committing to spending the money on the annex building. Consensus of both bodies is to continue forward with the build out of the annex building.

Beaver moved to use \$1.2 million of the Rainy Day Fund for hard costs with soft costs of \$700,000 paid by the Health Fund. Schwartz seconded. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Altman moved to let the bids. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee Report

Beaver stated the Finance Committee met with Mike Reuter and currently we are not seeing dips in the income. That is due to the COIT distributions lagging. Currently we have a good cash balance. Ms. Dawn Coverdale reported Motor Vehicle Highway (MVH), Excise and Food and Beverage revenues are starting to drop. The biggest issue will be the Welfare Fund.

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The Commissioners agreed to retain a lobbyist to write special legislation for the Hamilton County Welfare Fund.

Beaver motioned to adjourn. Schwartz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Altman motioned to adjourn. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Others Present

Dawn Coverdale, Auditor
Mike Howard, County Attorney
Jeanette Kassebaum, Council Attorney
Fred Swift, Administrative Assistant to Commissioners
John Barbee, Envoy, Inc.
Barry McNulty, Health Department Director
Robin Mills, Chief Deputy Auditor
Kim Rauch, Administrative Assistant to Auditor

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Dawn Coverdale, Auditor

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